

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

As an answer to numerous requests regarding qualifications for membership in various societies of the State, the Council of the Medical Society of the State of California has passed the following resolution, which it is believed will cover all possible angles to the problem:

(a) Physicians holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine from a reputable school and who are licensed to practice in the State of California are, of course, eligible to membership in the county and State societies.

(b) Persons holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine from an acceptable school, who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery and who are also licensed to practice drugless therapy, and who are practicing both of these methods, are entitled to membership in the local and State organizations.

(c) Persons who are not Doctors of Medicine, from acceptable schools, but are graduates from drugless therapy schools and who are licensed (by examination) to practice medicine and surgery, and who also may or may not be licensed to practice drugless therapy, are not entitled to membership in local and State organizations, because our membership is based primarily not upon legal license to practice, but upon the degree of Doctor of Medicine from an acceptable school.

(d) Doctors of Medicine who are licensed only to practice drugless therapy and do practice only drugless therapy are not entitled to membership, because they violate a definite and specific clause in the constitution and by-laws of all medical organizations, which prohibits practice exclusively of one branch of medicine. The reason for this provision is that the practice of medicine implies thorough education in all subjects of and pertaining to medicine, and after such education has been secured, the physician should and must have the right to treat diseases by the method that to him seems most likely to result in recovery of the sick person.

(e) Persons who are not Doctors of Medicine, but graduates of drugless schools and who have secured their licenses by examination to practice medicine and surgery, and practice only medicine and surgery, are not entitled to membership in the State or local societies.

County Societies

Fresno County Medical Society (as reported by Dr. A. D. Ellsworth, Secretary): The September meeting of the society was held at the home of President J. R. Walker at Sunny Side. There were twenty-five members present and eighty-seven absent. Dr. Alson R. Kilgore of San Francisco was a guest and addressed the society on Bone Tumors, his remarks being illustrated by lantern slides.

The Fresno County Hospital has been reorganized. Dr. H. O. Collins has been made superintendent and a staff of twenty-four physicians has been appointed to conduct the various departments of the professional work of the hospital. An effort is now being made to secure for the county a special hospital or ward for the observation and detention of patients suffering from mental disorders.

The Fresno clinical group, made up of a number of physicians engaged in the practice of group medicine, has ceased to exist as an organization.

San Diego County.—The U. S. Naval Hospital, which is under construction at San Diego and which will be completed during 1922, will consist of one main group of buildings built around a central court. These buildings will contain fourteen wards, including two for officers, an administration building, subsistence building, operating room pavilion, with four operating rooms, service

building, nurses' quarters, red cross convalescent house and power plant. The operating room pavilion is standard design, with overhead light and north light. Anaesthetic, instrument and recovery rooms are of approved type.

The construction is of concrete and hollow tile, with solid monolithic concrete floor and roof construction, metal stairways and elevator shafting. The subsistence building will be provided with complete refrigerating plant with separate rooms for the preparation of various types of food. The buildings will all be connected by an arcade, which will afford protection from sun and rain.

The location of the hospital is considered to be the best in the vicinity of San Diego, and affords a broad, sweeping view of the ocean, the mountains, both to the eastward as well as those below the Mexican border, and overlooks the city and bay of San Diego.

The present plan provides for beds to handle about 650 patients. This can be increased to 750 or 800 in an emergency, and contemplated future construction will provide for at least 1000. Future construction contemplates additional wards, separate hospital corps' quarters, commanding officer's and executive officer's quarters and isolation ward.

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery plans on the very latest type of equipment in all departments.

The hospital, designed to handle most of the Naval sick for the Eleventh Naval District, will cost, when completed, about \$2,000,000.

The San Diego County Medical Society opened its regular meetings after the summer recess with a dinner at the San Diego Hotel, Tuesday, September 13, followed by a symposium on "Group Medicine—Its Advantages to Medicine and the Public."

The discussion was opened by Dr. Donald Frick of Los Angeles. Other out-of-town participants were Dr. H. A. Johnston of Anaheim and Dr. Charles D. Lockwood of Pasadena.

Santa Clara County. (As reported by Dr. J. L. Pritchard, Secretary.)

The society did not hold a meeting in August. The September meeting will be held at Gilroy. It will be a joint meeting of San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Clara Counties.

A dinner will be served at 7 p. m., to be followed by a scientific program.

Sister Zoe, who has been Superior of the O'Connor Hospital in San Jose for the past four years, has been transferred to San Francisco, where she will be Superior at Mary's Help Hospital.

Sonoma County Medical Society (as reported by Dr. N. Juell, Secretary): The September meeting was held at Santa Rosa High School with fourteen members present and twenty-one absent.

By unanimous vote the Society repealed the clause in the by-laws relating to lodge physicians.

Dr. Hans Lissner of San Francisco was the speaker of the evening and gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Phases of the Endocrine Gland Problem."

Santa Rosa has a new faith healer who guarantees cure for practically any disease for \$100.

News Item

Saint Francis Hospital Clinical Society: At the August meeting Dr. Martin H. Fischer presented a paper on Arteriosclerosis and Dr. John H. Graves gave an address on interesting problems before the American Medical Association delegates at the recent convention.